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ALGORITHM TO SEMI SYMMETRIC
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.